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SUBJ: DEMARCHE TO MOBUTU ON REFORMS: FOUR FOREIGN
MINISTERS IN COPENHAGEN DECIDE TO DELAY DEMARCHE

REFS: A. KINSHASA 6072. B. STATE 148132.

BEGIN SUMMARY: FOREIGN MINISTERS OF FRANCE, UK, GERMANY
AND BELGIUM MEET IN COPENHAGEN JUNE 12 DECIDED TO POST-
PONE DEMARCHE TO MOBUTU ON REFORMS UNTIL AFTER
BRUSSELS MEETING. END SUMMARY.

1. IN THE ABSENCE OF QUAI AFRICAN DIRECTOR GEORGY,
ALTERNATE DIRECTOR HAREL CALLED FIVE-POWER MEETING
AFTERNOON JUNE 12 TO DISCUSS DEMARCHE TO MOBUTU ON
REFORMS. (DCM ACCOMPANIED BY POLITICAL OFFICER REPRESENTED US.) ALL, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FRENCH, AGREED
TO INCLUSION OF ARTICLE 4 CONCERNING ARMED FORCES
REFORM IN TEXT OF DEMARCHE. GERMAN EXPRESSED SOME
RESERVATION ABOUT PRESENTING WRITTEN TEXT. FRENCH
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SAID NEW ELEMENTS OVER THE WEEKEND WERE GIVING GOF
PAUSE FOR REFLECTION ON DEMARCHE. PARTICULARLY DISTURBING TO FRENCH WERE COMMENTS OF MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR
IN KINSHASA TO FRENCH AMBASSADOR THAT A JOINT DEMARCHE
WOULD ANGER AND HUMILIATE MOBUTU AND CREATE POLITICAL
DIFFICULTIES FOR MOROCCO. OTHER NEW ELEMENT WAS
MOBUTU COMMENT TO PRESS REJECTING WESTERN "PROTECT-

ORATE."

2. MEETING WAS JUST GETTING DOWN TO HARD BARGAINING WHEN HAREL WAS CALLED TO TAKE PHONE CALL FROM QUAI SECRETARY-GENERAL SOUTOU. HE RETURNED TO MEETING SOME MINUTES LATER TO INFORM THE GROUP THAT SECRETARY-GENERAL SOUTOU HAD JUST TALKED ON THE TELEPHONE WITH FOREIGN MINISTER DE GUIRINGAUD IN COPENHAGEN. AT THAT MEETING THE FOUR EUROPEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS HAD DISCUSSED THE QUESTION OF THE DEMARCHE TO MOBUTU AND, IN VIEW OF "NEW ELEMENTS," HAD DECIDED TO PUT OFF ANY DEMARCHE UNTIL AFTER BRUSSELS MEETING. DEMARCHE COULD THEN BE MADE TO MOBUTU IN CONTEXT OF CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSION AT BRUSSELS. HAREL SAID THAT MINISTERS AT COPENHAGEN HAD ALSO DECIDED TO "REFLECT ON THE FORM AND CONTENT OF THE DEMARCHE" SO THAT IT CONFORMED TO EXISTING POLITICAL SITUATION. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, MEETING ENDED WITHOUT FURTHER ISSUE.

3. COMMENT: IT WAS EVIDENT FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING THAT THE FRENCH WERE THE LEAST ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT PROCEEDING WITH THE DEMARCHE AT THIS TIME. MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR'S COMMENTS SEEM TO HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY TELLING BECAUSE OF MOROCCO'S KEY ROLE IN THE AFRICAN SHABA FORCE.

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4. STATE 148351, WHICH JUST RECEIVED, HAS BEEN OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS.
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